



Clark County Superior Court Therapeutic Specialty Courts

2017-18 BIENNIUM REPORT



Illustrated by Kayla Carlson—FTC parent

Treatment Courts:

- ♦ Entering Drug Court instead of going to jail / prison can save up to \$13,000 per person!
- ♦ \$27 saved on average for every dollar invested

Treatment Courts:

- ♦ Juvenile Recovery Courts reduce recidivism by as much as 40%
- ♦ 75% of drug court grads remain arrest free

Family Treatment Courts:

- ♦ Reduce the likelihood of reentry into foster care
- ♦ Reduce the time kids spend in out of home placement

Save Money Reduce Crime Reunite Families

TREATMENT COURTS WORK

Clark County Superior Court operates four well-established Therapeutic Specialty Court Programs assisting individuals suffering from substance use and mental health disorders involved in the court system. Therapeutic Specialty Courts offer a system of support, services and structure to address a public health issue while holding individuals accountable through the courts.

Treatment Courts follow national and state standards to ensure our programs have the most cost-effective and crime reducing outcomes possible. Through numerous community partnerships, our court participants are able to treat their illness, learn new skills, overcome obstacles, repair relationships and truly transform their lives!

Please enjoy a small view of what our programs have accomplished over the 2017—2018 biennium. For more information about any of our courts please contact us or come observe one of our dockets !

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~PROCLAMATION~

- Whereas,** Clark County Therapeutic Specialty Courts have been in existence for 17 years and have celebrated 1,096 graduates; and
- Whereas,** Drug courts save up to \$27 for every \$1 invested; and
- Whereas,** From 2010 through 2015 alone, Clark County Felony Drug Court saved 114,402 jail bed days, amounting to a taxpayer cost savings of more than \$9.4 million; and
- Whereas,** Clark County specialty courts now include Substance Abuse Court, Mental Health Court, Felony Drug Court, Veterans Court, Family Treatment Court and Juvenile Recovery Court; and
- Whereas,** Drug courts are recognized as one of the most successful criminal justice interventions in our nation's history and substantially improve treatment outcomes; and
- Whereas,** 82 percent of Clark County's 560 Drug Court alumni have not been convicted of another felony, compared with the statewide jail recidivism rate of 65 percent; and
- Whereas,** more than 3,000 drug courts operate nationwide and 83 operate in Washington, helping families reunite and stay healthy, veterans transition home, and assistance reach underserved, vulnerable populations; and
- Whereas,** Drug courts demonstrate that when one person rises above drugs and crime, we all benefit.

Now therefore, this Board of County Councilors hereby proclaims the month of May 2017 as

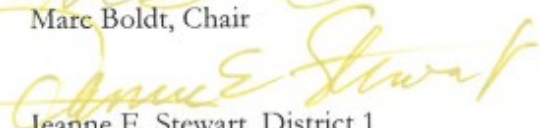
~Drug Court Month~

in Clark County, Washington, and recognizes the significant contributions drug courts make to reducing substance abuse, crime and recidivism while saving valuable community resources.


Signed this 16th day of May 2017

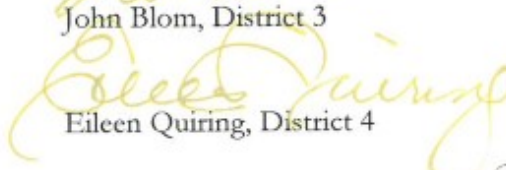
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**Treatment Courts are an effective:
Budget Solution, Public Safety Solution, Public Health Solution**

**2017 May Drug Court Month
Art Show—Open House Ministries
Coffee House**



**The Clark County
Therapeutic Specialty Courts
along with the
Clark County Food Bank
held a Food Drive during May
Drug Court Month in 2018.**

RESULTS:

- * Collected approx. **500 lbs** of food
- * Re-packed **11,000** pounds of food into meal boxes to be able to feed **9,166 meals** to families in need!

"The coordinator and team is creative, and is implementing innovative methods in hopes of building up the participant's self-worth and confidence. The team is also giving participants a very positive and supportive atmosphere in which they try to better their lives (an atmosphere that many have never experienced)." ~ NPC Research, nationally renown evaluation company contracted with the courts.

ADULT DRUG COURT BEST PRACTICE STANDARDS

National Association of Drug Court Professionals

Volume I

Adult Drug Courts have been researched, evaluated and tested for nearly three decades since their inception in 1989 in Miami-Dade County, Florida. Outcome evaluations prove that operating Adult Drug Courts to fidelity of the initial 10 Key Components and implementing the top ten best practices dramatically improves outcomes for justice-involved individuals suffering from substance use and/or mental health disorders. Several of Clark County Therapeutic Specialty Courts have been evaluated and/or currently being evaluated and the results are consistent with national standards that **Treatment Courts Work!** To read any of our recent evaluations, please visit our website: <https://www.clark.wa.gov/superior-court/therapeutic-specialty-courts>.

STANDARD I: TARGET POPULATION

Eligibility and exclusion criteria for the Drug Court are predicated on empirical evidence indicating which types of offenders can be treated safely and effectively in Drug Courts. Candidates are evaluated for admission to the Drug Court using evidence-based assessment tools and procedures. (High Risk to Reoffend / High Needs of Treatment and Recovery Support Services)

STANDARD II: EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Citizens who have historically experienced sustained discrimination or reduced social opportunities because of their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, sexual identity, physical or mental disability, religion, or socioeconomic status receive the same opportunities as other citizens to participate and succeed in the Drug Court.

STANDARD III: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE JUDGE

The Drug Court judge stays abreast of current law and research on best practices in Drug Courts, participates regularly in team meetings, interacts frequently and respectfully with participants, and gives due consideration to the input of other team members.

STANDARD IV: INCENTIVES, SANCTIONS and THERAPEUTIC ADJUSTMENTS

Consequences for participants' behavior are predictable, fair, consistent, and administered in accordance with evidence-based principles of effective behavior modification.

STANDARD V: SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT

Participants receive substance use disorder treatment based on a standardized assessment of their treatment needs. Treatment providers are licensed, trained and supervised to deliver a continuum of care of various evidence-based interventions, including the use of medication-assisted treatment services. Substance use disorder treatment is not provided to reward desired behaviors, punish infractions, or serve other non-clinically indicated goals.

ADULT DRUG COURT BEST PRACTICE STANDARDS *continued*

National Association of Drug Court Professionals

For a more detailed version, please visit: www.nadcp.org/standards.

Volume II

STANDARD VI: COMPLEMENTARY TREATMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Participants receive complementary treatment and social services for conditions that co-occur with substance abuse and are likely to interfere with their compliance in Drug Court, increase criminal recidivism, or diminish treatment gains such as housing, employment, education, trauma, etc.

STANDARD VII: DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

Drug and alcohol testing provides an accurate, timely, and comprehensive assessment of unauthorized substance use throughout participants' enrollment in the Drug Court typically at random and frequent intervals (no less than twice weekly for the majority of the program).

STANDARD VIII: MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

A dedicated multidisciplinary team of professionals manages the day-to-day operations of the Drug Court, including reviewing participant progress during pre-court staff meetings and status hearings, contributing observations and recommendations within team members' respective areas of expertise, and delivering or overseeing the delivery of legal, treatment and supervision services. Teams are generally comprised of: a judge, program coordinator, prosecutor/attorney general, defense attorney, treatment providers, probation / law enforcement, social workers and other recovery support and court administrative staff.

STANDARD IX: CENSUS AND CASELOADS

The Drug Court serves as many eligible individuals as practicable while maintaining continuous fidelity to best practice standards. When probation officers and clinicians work with high-risk / high—need individuals, caseload sizes are traditionally smaller to address all the complex needs and barriers.

STANDARD X: MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The Drug Court routinely monitors its adherence to best practice standards and employs scientifically valid and reliable procedures to evaluate its effectiveness.

Focus group participant quotes (speaking about the best part of drug court):

- ♦ "It's nice to be viewed by people of authority as not just a criminal or a case. But as someone who needs help and not just being sent to jail."
- ♦ "Structure. Just helping you get organized. They are trying to understand where we are coming from. It's not just stay clean or you go to jail."
- ♦ "I like how they generally just care."

- excerpt from NPC Research Focus Group for the Adult Drug Court evaluation



The Honorable James E. Rulli (left) started presiding over the Adult Drug Court and Residential DOSA programs in June 2018 after Judge Bernard F. Veljacic (right) completed his two year rotation in May 2018.



ADULT DRUG COURT—IMPLEMENTED IN 1999

The mission of the Adult Drug Court program is to provide effective substance use and/or co-occurring disorder treatment services to eligible non-violent adults facing felony-level crimes. By providing evidence-based behavioral health treatment, skill-building classes and other recovery support services, the courts provide immediate supervision and responses to hold individuals accountable. Judge James E. Rulli implemented the adult program in 1999 then started the Juvenile Recovery Court program in 2007. In June of 2018, Judge Rulli returned to presiding over the Adult Drug Court program and continues to be instrumental in changing the lives of many individuals and families in our community. Nearly 2000 participants have gone through the two Adult Felony Drug Court program over the last two decades (1903 as of Dec. 31, 2018)!

Reach Too Holiday Party 2018





Giving Back: Participants give back to those that are homeless and hungry.

Our programs address four dimensions for long-term recovery:

HEALTH , HOME , PURPOSE and COMMUNITY



In April 2017, the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney, Tony Golik, expanded the office policy to allow certain low-level felony cases to be eligible for a dismissal upon completion of Drug Court.

In Other Exciting News:

The Prosecutor's office worked with both Superior and District Courts to allow eligible felony-level offenses to be screened for our **Mental Health Court** program. The program is designed to provide individualized treatment and supervision for individuals suffering from significant mental illness. The program has shifted to a pre-plea option, meaning if the individual successfully completes the program, the charges are dismissed. For more information, please visit the District Court website:

www.clark.wa.gov/district-court/therapeutic-specialty-courts

Due to this new policy, 22 adults avoided having a felony conviction on his/her record which greatly improves the trajectory of their futures! This criminal justice reform allows individuals a second chance at life and an avenue to avoid major housing, education, employment and financial barriers.

"I met a woman with her 5 yr. old daughter at the bus stop and her daughter had no shoes on. She said she had lost them. So I took them to Fred Meyer and bought her some shoes and an umbrella, then took them to get something to eat. Money wise, I could not afford this. Spiritually I could not afford not to...at that moment... I finally felt that this program works.. Thanks Drug Court! ~ Current Drug Court Participant

Adult Drug Court Statistics

2017

2018

Ending Caseload on December 31st	98	143
Total Number of Referrals to Program	105	129
Opted In	63	86
Successfully Completed / Graduated	41	22
Voluntarily Opted Out	8	10
Terminated	27	11
Total Number of Graduates since inception (1999)	601	623

"Excerpts from web-reports"

" I have been put in so many situations and gone through so many emotions that would have caused me to use before. The difference between now and then is something I've always lacked; and that's **internal integrity**. I have always been kind to others, it also happened to be one of my downfalls. I always put others before myself, therefore losing myself and accepting things that I knew were not okay; such as the way people would treat me but most of all the way I thought of and treated myself. I now know I'm worthy of the same kindness and that I need to be kind to myself. **Internal Integrity** has not been easy for me. I had to dig deep to find out who I am. I had to learn to love myself. I had to step outside of my comfort zone and look at my life and where I am today and how I got here. I had to see and feel all my mistakes and what lead me to making the choices that got me here. I had to own and take responsibility. And let me tell you, that was heart wrenching. To realize it was me who did this when I have been blaming everyone else and that's what kept me sick. After realizing it was me who got me here I had to forgive myself and have compassion for myself the way I would for anyone else. **Internal integrity** means keeping promises to myself, knowing I'm worthy, taking responsibility and most of all, maintaining these values regardless of everything else." ~FTC participant

What are web-reports?

Every week, each participant is asked to go online and fill out a form that gives the individual an opportunity to explain how their week has been and to update the team on any new changes to and address or phone number, employment or school status, visitation schedule, treatment adjustments, medication changes, etc.

As I went to the dentist, I was filled with anxiety-not because of the obvious reason of getting my teeth worked on, but because I was addressing potential damage that I caused my body through my addiction. It was a good anxiety to face...another **opportunity** for me to confront, and beat down the evil I've caused myself with my drug use. NO MORE...I kept telling myself as they x-rayed my mouth. NO MORE I heard in my mind as they scraped and picked away in my mouth. NO MORE will I abuse my body in addiction. From this point forward, because of my **wellness** — *MY RECOVERY*, I'm able to confidently face the devastation of my past and then move forward. It is in this small mental and physical **victory** that fills me with **gratitude** for all that have helped me in my **RECOVERY**. When I look in the mirror and smile, I'm better able to remain steadfast in my sobriety.

Thank you all for giving me the tools to come to this self awareness!

Drug Court participant

I am graduating this week!!!! Honestly I am more proud of myself for graduating Drug Court than I am of graduating with honors as a single mom at Concordia. Both amazing accomplishment for sure. This time I have spent in drug court has changed my life. All my false ideas of myself that led to my addiction have been lifted. All the brokenness within my family gone. My toxic drug induced attitude that almost ruined my relationship, forgiven. I finally have the relationship with a man I have always wanted and cherish. The drug court team has treated me in a way of respect and accountability that taught me continuous boundaries that have led to my ability to stay clean and want to stay clean.

~DOSA graduate

Since my last web report a lot of amazing things have been happening in my life. All I feel wouldn't be happening if not for this drug court program (FOR REAL). For starters I have a job; not just any job...my dream job. Why is this my dream job? For one: my sobriety. Every day it comes first and this job will remind me of that. Secondly, my past as it will be used to help show that it can be done, that having a past doesn't mean you don't have a future. Third, I'm a full time employee ...OMG, me...I'm so moved! I was able to share this wonderful news with my entire family when I was (after a 15 year absence) invited to our family reunion! With everything going so well, I recalled an "old timer" telling me in my early recovery....these are the times we as addicts can't forget how we got there. I found those words in my head during my time with family. I'm grateful...my head held high yet humbled by my path...

Sincerely, your "AHA MOMENT" DRUG COURT PARTICIPANT

"I took my son trick-or-treating for the first time in 6 years. I bought his costume and took him out until 8:30 pm, and he had a ton of fun. I also am getting my social security card after court and meeting with someone from Clark College to get started on my degree to work with other addicts! My life is coming together so quickly. I realized the harder I work, and the more I do right, the better things are for my son and I. I'm proud of the obstacles I'm overcoming. I also want to thank everyone on the drug court team who wrote letters for me to use while applying for places for rent this week. I appreciate you guys, and the fact that you never gave up on me. I know I haven't always been easy!

Thank you for helping me beat statistics every single day!"



I feel like I have a purpose. I can contribute instead of take from society. Drug court has been the best decision I have ever made. My life is really coming together.

" I had a busy month - I'm a volunteer recovery coach and do outreach with the homeless downtown. I was also one of the guest speakers at the Opioid Action Summit speaking to senators, state representatives, prosecutors and about 130+ other community leaders. It was such an honor to be there and speak from my heart and share my story, and try to make a difference in this opioid epidemic. I also became a sponsor and took on three sponsees. I still run my MARA (Medication-Assisted Recovery Anonymous) meeting. Additionally, I'm also on the Southwest Washington Recovery Coalition Committee where we go up and talk in front of Congress and try to get recovery-related bills passed. I'm just trying to stay connected as much as I can and tomorrow I will have my 18 months clean and sober. I am far from the guy I used to be. I love myself today and I want to give back what was so freely given to me. The Drug Court team is a huge part of my recovery and the reason why I do what I do. " **Thank you**



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REACH Too

REACH Too is a SAMHSA grant funded peer to peer recovery mentor program of Consumer Voices Are Born (CVAB) who's primary population of focus are people who have both a Substance Use Disorder and Criminal Justice history. Through a partnership with the Clark County Therapeutic Courts, services are offered to people who are opting in to Therapeutic Court programs. Upon entry into the program, **REACH Too** participants are matched with a Recovery Mentor for one on one support which includes peer recovery coaching, housing support and accessing community resources. **REACH Too** offered 2 life skill classes, Money Smart (a financial planning class) and WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan). Other groups and classes offered at **REACH Too** include Support Circles, Family Craft Class, Study Hall, Speaker meeting and pro-social activities including Vision Board workshops and Game Nights, Volleyball and Hiking.

In addition, **Reach Too** offers volunteering opportunities and access to CVAB's other programs, The REACH Center and the Val Ogden Center which offer peer support groups and classes, computer and phone use and employment services. **REACH Too**



has engaged with 307 unduplicated individuals during this grant year! For more information about

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or

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REACH Too

hosted both a Holiday Party and a Summer BBQ with over 200 guests attending each. **REACH Too** has a team that play in the local Recovery Softball League.



Softball has proved to be one of the most popular and therapeutic activities offered with participants expressing a sense of belonging and support from the team and to have fun!

REACH Too trains peers in long term recovery, who have gone through the **REACH Too** program themselves, to become peer mentors. Mentor training includes the topics of mentor roles, boundaries, confidentiality, trauma informed services and cultural competence. In addition, mentors who choose to participate in expanded training are



offered WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan). All mentors are provided with the opportunity to do one on one mentoring as well as lead Support Groups and Prosocial Activities and has also taken on several community projects this past year including the Adopt-A-Road program and making sack lunches for the houseless in our community. **50** peers have been trained!



P N E W O P L A C E S L A C T I V I T I E S



REACH Too provides housing support to individuals at Gregg's Place, a women's recovery house that is managed by **REACH Too** and a partnership with **Second Step Housing**. **REACH Too** also supports participants in finding recovery housing in the community including Oxford housing and faith based housing.



RESIDENTIAL D.O.S.A. DRUG COURT—SINCE 2009

The Residential **D**rug **O**ffender **S**entencing **A**lternative (**DOSA**) program is an effective use of a sentencing option available to Judicial Officers in the State of Washington for repeat felony offenders suffering from the disease of addiction / alcoholism. The program offers adults with substance use disorders, facing non-violent felony charges the opportunity to serve their 24 month sentence attending treatment and being under the supervision of the Department of Corrections and Superior Court. Clark County utilizes the treatment and supervision resources of the state and the effective monitoring strategies of Drug Courts to help individuals into long-term recovery and law-abiding community members. For more information, please refer to RCW 9.94A.660.

Excerpt from DOSA Drug Court Site visit as part of the NPC Research evaluation process:

*The creation of the DOSA program itself deserves a major commendation for Clark County. The **DOSA** program was developed to follow the drug court model. This is unique in the state of Washington and reflects vision and application of research to practice. The DOC participation in this model is also a tribute to the willingness to go the extra mile in working collaboratively.*

*The **DOSA** Drug Court has developed and uses a very active and comprehensive peer recovery support program. The program uses prior drug court graduates, as well as participants in the final phase of the drug court program, to offer encouragement to participants and to assist them in understanding and meeting requirements.*

Observations in court showed that the judge is highly interactive with the entire drug court team. The judge was very good in conversations with participants, and it was clear that the participants are connected with him

*"What I like most about the **DOSA** Drug Court program is the opportunity. The team is amazing and really are there for us. They let us know that and not just a name or number. They are very fair.*

Residential **D.O.S.A.** Drug Court Statistics

2017

2018

Ending Caseload on December 31st	37	29
Total Number of Referrals to Program	15	17
Opted In	15	17
Successfully Completed / Graduated	14	13
Voluntarily Opted Out	9	4
Terminated	9	7
Total Number of Graduates since inception (2009)	98	111
Total Number of Participants since 2009	285	302



Commissioner Jennifer Snider started presiding over Family Treatment Court in June, 2018 when Commissioner Schienberg completed a seven year rotation

FAMILY TREATMENT COURT—SINCE 2006

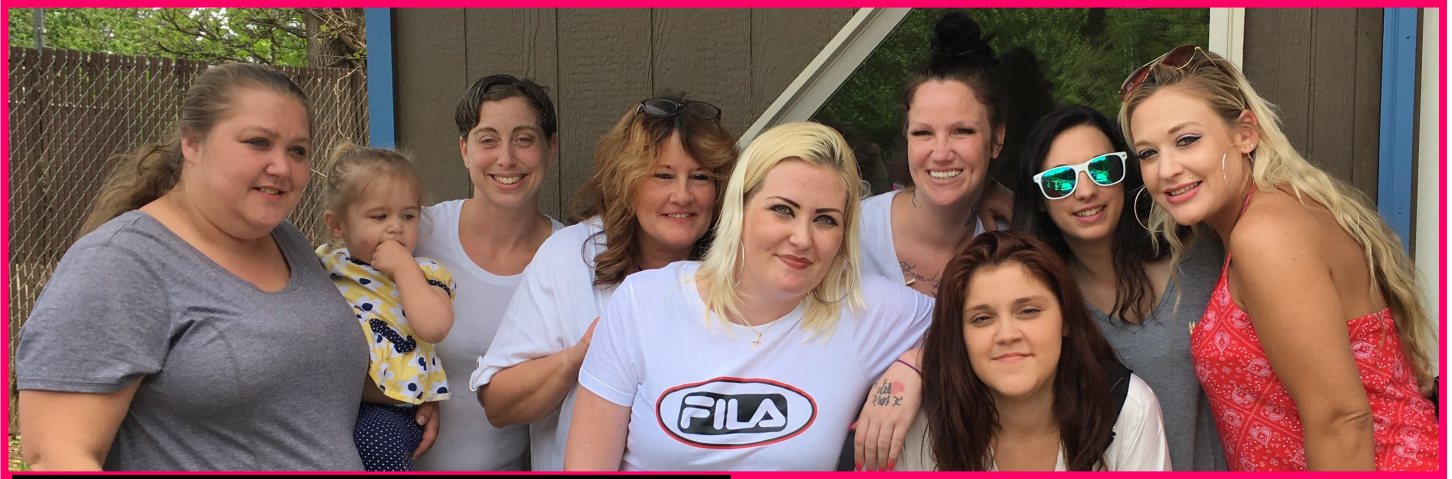
designed to improve the safety and well-being of children in the dependency system. Through a collaborative approach, several community agencies partner with the child welfare and court system to provide comprehensive and individualized services for parents and their families. Family

Treatment Court complies with the RCW 82.14.460 mandate to operate a therapeutic court for dependency proceedings designed to be effective for the court's size, location, and resources. The goals are to increase reunification of children with their parents; decrease length of time children spend as dependents; increase recovery and stability of parents and decrease re-entry of family into child protective services. Family Treatment Court currently is receiving federal funds through 2022 with an evaluation component.

The Family Treatment Court program focuses on child dependency cases and is

Family Treatment Court Statistics

	2017	2018
Ending Caseload on December 31st	22 parents 34 children	28 parents 48 children
Total Number of Referrals to Program	17	33
Opted In	11	15
Successfully Completed / Graduated	3	8
Unsuccessful discharges	3	4
Total Number of Graduates since inception (2006)	94	102



“They want to make sure you become a better person, not just get kids back.”



“FTC changes the whole perception of the Dept. of Children, Youth & Families and the entire system in general” ~ FTC participant



Superior Court Receives Federal Funding!

Federal grant to support Family Treatment Court services to parents, children

Vancouver, Wash. – The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has awarded Clark County Superior Court's Family Treatment Court a five-year grant totally nearly \$2 million.

The grant will support Family Treatment Court's work, in conjunction with Clark County Community Services, to provide services to adults who have active state child dependency cases and their children. The court program helps promote parents' abstinence from drugs and alcohol; create safe, stable homes for children; reduce the length of time children are in out-of-home placements; and increase family reunification.

The **\$1.98 million** grant will enhance the voluntary program by adding two tailored, evidence-based programs – Circle of Security and Celebrating Families – that focus on families affected by substance abuse and trauma. Two other new programs will focus on recovery support services, including recovery coaching and mentoring by people who have lived in or have other experience in the child welfare system and reunification and home safety mentoring by trained foster parents. Family Treatment Court expects to grow to have 35 families by September 2018. The specialty court started in 2006, and to date, 93 families have completed the program successfully. *July 26, 2017*

Program has creative incentives and rewards for participants.

NPC has previously completed evaluations with other Clark County Therapeutic Courts, and observed that these programs have continuously come up with creative and innovative ideas around incentives to provide to participants. This includes the use of "Smarties" for making "smart" choices or enrolling in school, "PayDay" candy bars for obtaining employment, fortune cookies with personalized recovery slogans to offer encouragement."



2017

FTC Team

Adult Drug Court / Residential DOSA receives another B.J.A grant

Superior Court Adult Drug Court received Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant funds in the amount of **\$400,000** to enhance the operations of two post-adjudication Programs,(Drug Court and Res DOSA) by employing a Recovery Support Specialist to integrate complementary treatment and social services (based on participants' assessed needs determined by the validated offender risk tool, the Services Planning Instrument (SPIn) to a total of 324 participants while in the program over 12-24 months. By augmenting the program with a RSS, the goal is for the program to operate within census and caseload best practice standards with potential to increase capacity and for offenders to be better equipped for self-efficacy which promotes ongoing public safety and reducing recidivism. The program expedites entry for high risk/high needs offenders; offers evidenced-based behavioral health and medication-assisted treatment and prioritizing resources for maximum census. The grant will offset the travel expenses for team members to attend national drug court trainings and contract with NPC Research for an Outcome evaluation on the Residential DOSA population. *October 2017*

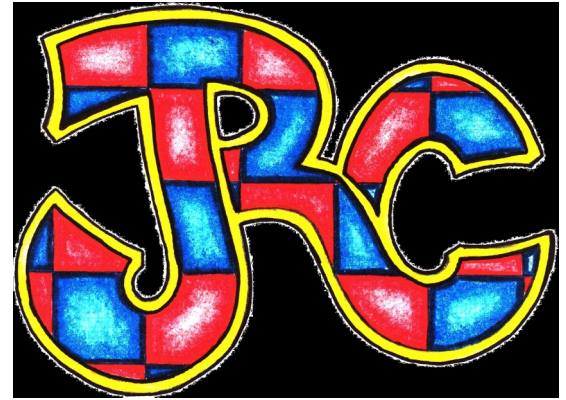
Clark County, Washington's Department of Community Services in partnership with

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
Prevention (OJJDP)

Awards \$400,000 to

Clark County Juvenile Recovery Court

October 2018



The **Clark County Juvenile Recovery Court** will take an evidence-based, treatment-oriented approach that emphasizes **family engagement**, increases protective factors, and addresses the substance abuse and often co-occurring mental health challenges experienced by youth.

Population to be served: Youth (ages 15-17 and living in Clark County) who are referred to JRC by juvenile court officials, and must have a criminal history and a substance abuse problem they are **willing to address**. It is a voluntary legal option.

Project goal, objectives and activities: The program goal is to support the JRC in implementing system changes, service delivery, and programming that are in alignment with the [new JDTC Guidelines](#) by implementing the following four objectives: **1)** Hire a qualified individual to fill a new full-time position (Systems Navigator) and increase family engagement and reduce barriers to accessing community resources; **2)** Develop and implement at least three strategies so the JRC team can improve their utilization of individualized case management and comprehensive case planning, and achieve a more effective delivery of incentives and sanctions to JRC youth each year; **3)** Reduce criminogenic risk and increase protective factors across multiple domains ; and **4)** Contract with NPC Research to conduct annual process and outcome evaluations that inform and improve program policy and procedures. Research indicates participants in the JRC program are more likely to succeed if parents and guardians engage with the court, which means they attend court hearings regularly and participate in the process. As family involvement rate increases, the number and percent of program youth who are adjudicated and the percent of program youth who have technical violations during the reporting period (long-term and short-term) should decrease, and the percent of program youth completing program requirements should increase. NPC's efforts will provide essential feedback to the program on whether it is providing the intended services, and whether those services have an impact on participant outcomes.

NPC Research Evaluation Outcome Report on the Clark County Adult Drug Court— January 2018

Outcome Evaluation : The purpose of an outcome evaluation is to determine whether the program has improved participant outcomes. In other words, did the program achieve its intended goals for its participants?

Is participation in the Drug Court associated with a reduction in the average number of all rearrests for those individuals compared with traditional court processing? **YES.** Clark County Drug Court participants have a significantly lower average number of rearrests (including all types of charges) than the comparison group at both 1 and 2 years after program entry ($p < .05$).

What is the cost impact on the criminal justice system of sending offenders through CCADC compared to traditional court processing? Or more specifically, does the CCADC save money? **YES.** Drug Court participants, regardless of whether they graduated from the program, cost less (i.e., save money) at every time point.







The Honorable Derek J. Vanderwood began presiding over the Juvenile Recovery Court in June 2018 after attending the National Association of Drug Court Professionals annual conference to fully embrace all of the current research and best practices in addressing juveniles with substance use disorders and adolescent development.

JUVENILE RECOVERY COURT IMPLEMENTED IN 2007

The Clark County Juvenile Recovery Court is a program focused on reducing substance abuse and criminal behavior in youth while increasing personal responsibility through intense court intervention and treatment. Juveniles struggling with substance use and/or co-occurring mental health disorders facing legal charges are offered the opportunity to enter behavioral health treatment as well as a variety of additional services, like educational programs, family counseling, job training, mental health services, and recreational/ prosocial activities. Building skills and putting together a network of support is emphasized throughout the program. Each week, youth strive to become "All-Stars" and acknowledged for their progress in many areas of their life.

The Court team would like to recognize the following progress/accomplishment:

 Treatment <input type="checkbox"/>	 Probation <input type="checkbox"/>	 School/Work <input type="checkbox"/>	 Negative UA's <input type="checkbox"/>
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Juvenile Drug Court Guidelines

In December 2016, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) published the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines after more research had been done about effectiveness and outcomes. Prior to this, there were the 16 strategies of a Juvenile Drug Court.

- 1) Focus the philosophy and practice on effectively addressing substance use and criminogenic needs to decrease future offending and substance use and to increase positive outcomes.
- 2) Ensure equitable treatment for all youth by adhering to eligibility criteria and conducting an initial screening.
- 3) Provide a process that engages the full team and follows procedures fairly.
- 4) Conduct comprehensive needs assessments that inform individualized case management.
- 5) Implement contingency management, case management, and community supervision strategies effectively.
- 6) Refer participants to evidence-based substance use treatment, to other services, and for pro-social connections.
- 7) Monitor and track program completion and termination.

To the Juvenile Recovery Court team:

(letter from parents of JRC graduate)

My wife and I wanted you to know how truly grateful we are to you and the entire JRC program. Before our involvement with you our whole lives were in turmoil and seemed like every day was getting worse. Our son Samuel was completely out of control and we didn't know where to turn for help.

Sam had drug and alcohol problems and we had tried Daybreak Inpatient and a mandatory facility in Gladstone with no luck—he made his way out the first day. We kicked him out of the house only to have a social worker tell us we must take him back into our home. He showed no respect for any authority. He dropped out of school and was just a mean person. My wife cried to sleep many times a week for at least a year. Because of our states legal rights for minors, he had no limits and complete rights to refuse any treatment we tried to push on him.

Our big break came after a family outing to Mount Saint Helens when on the way home, Sam freaked out and needed drugs. He threatened to cut me with glass while in the car if I didn't drive him where he wanted and give him cash. We called 911 and the Clark County Sheriff deputies arrived. Sam was caught on video threatening to burn down our house if he didn't get what he wanted. The Deputy advised us not to answer our phone the rest of the day and that would keep him in lockup for 2 days through the weekend. This being a felony got the ball rolling in the right direction.

Sam ended up in your program with consequences, finally. Your overall power to send kids to detention is an incredible deterrent and much needed break for the families that are involved in this nightmare called drug addiction. The random drug testing was a way to know he was staying clean and a deterrent for him to stay away from drugs. Weekly he was either talked to or praised for his actions that week in front of other kids. Because of him being over 18, he did not want us involved with his court appearances and we obliged. At times we did not know how he was doing because of us backing off. Karen was a perfect P.O. for him and kept him focused.

Our low point was soon after he started your program. He overdosed on Xanax and threatened us with a knife in our home. We kicked him out of the house, and the next morning we cleaned out his room, took his clothes to goodwill, gave away his bed and any other possessions were discarded, in our minds, we didn't have a son anymore. I didn't know if i would see him again and didn't care. A couple days later you sent him to detention for 2 weeks, I believe, and then was offered detention or treatment. He took treatment and asked if could come home if he passed inpatient. We agreed and that was the start of him being serious about recovery.

Sam has graduated from High school, out patient, and now the entire JRC program. Without your program and all the incredible people involved with it, we would not have a relationship with our son and he may not even be alive now due to addictions and law trouble. He is now over 1 year clean and sober and has his first sponsee in AA. Because or your program, Sam was saved and hopefully many more people that Sam saves in the future can all be credited back to JRC.

We will be forever grateful to the Entire staff.



Juvenile Recovery Court Statistics

2017

2018

Ending Caseload on December 31st	27	31
Total Number of Referrals to Program	46	32
Opted In	25	25
Successfully Completed / Graduated	19	11
Unsuccessful Discharges	18	10
Total Number of Graduates since inception (2007)	144	155



2017 Juvenile Recovery Court Team: Andrea Belleisle (Daybreak Youth); Katherine Janney (Juvenile Dept), David Helgeson (Lifeline Connections); Paula Deans (Superior Court); Honorable James E. Rulli; Ruhi Tufts (in back, Juvenile Probation); Michael Borge (in front, Defense Attorney); Karen Lucas (in back) and Dianne Montalvo (both Juvenile Probation Counselors); Rick Olson (Deputy Prosecutor) and Chris Thompson (Program Coordinator).



"HOW MUCH DID WE SAVE"?

Short Answer = **\$3.65 MILLION**

If you've ever sat through a **Drug Court Graduation**, you've certainly heard the audience shout out in unison, "**HOW MUCH DID WE SAVE**"? It's been a tradition for years to calculate the incarceration costs saved by having the opportunity to go through our Felony Drug Court program. This does NOT even factor in the additional society cost of drug-free babies born (which is estimated at \$1 million per baby) or the healthcare systems. We like to highlight the cost-benefits of giving an individual the opportunity to be contributing members of our community instead of high utilizers of our jails / prisons / emergency rooms. We also cannot put a price tag on saving countless lives, reunifying families and addressing the multitude of barriers that can easily deter someone from doing the next right thing. We hope that you've had an opportunity to see the smiles on the faces of our clients and their children; to read their "A-HA moments" when they find their hope and confidence again. The transformations we witness each day is absolutely priceless!



In our Adult Drug Court program alone:

Of the **63** Drug Court graduates in 2017—2018 combined saved :

⇒ **17** individuals were facing state prison sentences

- * Those graduates avoided serving **705 months** in prison *(calculated using mid-range)*
- * At an average cost of \$100/day = **\$2.12 million in incarceration cost alone!**

⇒ **46** were facing a local Clark County jail sentence

- * Those graduates avoided serving **189 months** in our jail *(calculated using mid-range)*
- * At an average cost of \$100/day = **\$567,000 in incarceration cost alone!**

In our Felony Residential DOSA Drug Court program alone:

Of the **27** DOSA Drug Court graduates in 2017—2018 combined saved :

⇒ Each individual (27) faced a state prison sentences

- * Those graduates avoided serving **324 months** in prison *(calculated using low range)*
- * At an average cost of \$100/day = **\$972,000 in incarceration cost alone!**

To learn more about the cost-savings in other programs, please visit our website and review the Program Evaluations or contact shauna.mccloskey@clark.wa.gov

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Clark County Board of County Councilors; Dept of Community Services; Sheriff's Office, Prosecutor's Office, Indigent Defense, Clerk's Office, Budget Office, Public Health and the Superior Court Bench

Lifeline Connections	Community Services Northwest	Daybreak Youth Services	Children's Center
CVAB	Department of Children, Youth & Families	WA State Department of Corrections	District Court / Corrections
Children's Home Society of Washington	YWCA / CASA	Inland Properties (Tim Jones)	Second Step Housing
Vancouver Police Department	Open House Ministries	Columbia River Mental Health Services	SHARE
Council for the Homeless	Vancouver Housing Authority	Oxford Housing, Inc.	American Behavioral Health Systems
Xchange	Salmon Creek Kiwanis Club	A Better Way Counseling	KLEEN Street
Boys and Girls Club of America	SW WA Humane Society	Clark College	Partners In Careers / NEXT
All of our Volunteers and Mentors!!!			



Clark County

Therapeutic Specialty Courts

2019 Court Schedule

<https://www.clark.wa.gov/superior-court/therapeutic-specialty-courts>



MONDAYS

District Court : **Veterans Therapeutic Court** 10:00am
Main Courthouse, Dept. 6
Judge John P. Hagensen

Superior Court: **Family Treatment Court** 3:00pm
Family Law Annex, Courtroom 1
Commissioner Jennifer Snider

TUESDAYS

District Court : **Substance Abuse Court** 10:30am, 2:00pm
DUI Court 10:30am, 2:00pm
Main Courthouse, Dept. 4
Judge Sonya L. Langsdorf

WEDNESDAYS

District Court : **Mental Health Court** 2:00pm
Main Courthouse, Dept. 5
Judge Kelli E. Osler

Superior Court: **Juvenile Recovery Court** 4:00pm
Juvenile Court, Courtroom 2
Judge Derek J. Vanderwood, Dept. 3

THURSDAYS

Superior Court: **Adult Drug Court** 10:30am, 2:30pm
Main Courthouse, Dept. 7
Judge James E. Rulli

FRIDAYS

Superior Court: **Residential DOSA Drug Court** Noon
In-Custody Drug Court/DOSA 1:00pm
Main Courthouse, Dept. 7
Judge James E. Rulli